DARK AVENGERS

NORMAN OSBORN, FORMER THUNDERBOLTS LEADER, HAS RISEN TO POWER AND WAS APPOINTED TO REPLACE TONY STARK AS HEAD OF THE NATIONAL PEACEKEEPING TASKFORCE, H.A.M.M.E.R., WHICH INCLUDES HIS OWN TEAM OF AVENGERS.

THEY'RE A GATHERING OF CONTROVERSIAL FIGURES THAT NORMAN HAS GIVEN THE ICONIC LIKENESSES OF MANY OF THE FAMOUS AVENGERS, AS WELL AS THE SECRET IDENTITIES THAT GO WITH THEM. JOINING FORMER MIGHTY AVENGERS ARES AND SENTRY ARE THE ASSASSIN BULLSEYE, NOW HAWKEYE; REFORMED CRIMINAL MOONSTONE, NOW MS. MARVEL; WOLVERINE'S DISTURBED SON DAKEN, NOW WOLVERINE; VENOM TRANSFORMED INTO A NEW SPIDER-MAN; KREE WARRIOR MARVEL BOY TOOK ON THE MANTLE OF CAPTAIN MARVEL; AND NORMAN UNVEILED HIS NEW IDENTITY...THE IRON PATRIOT.

NORMAN IS ALSO TRYING TO HELP THE POWERFUL SENTRY DEAL WITH HIS DEMONS WHILE HE CONTINUES TO DEAL WITH HIS OWN.

THEIR LATEST MISSION HAS TAKEN THEM TO DINOSAUR, COLORADO, ON THE TRAIL OF A MISSING POLITICIAN'S DAUGHTER, WHERE NORMAN HAS COME FACE TO FACE WITH THE INSANELY POWERFUL TEAM OF MOLECULE MAN, THE BEYONDER, THE ENCHANTRESS, MEPHISTO AND ZARATHOS...

WITH IRON PATRIOT AND THE REST OF THE DARK AVENGERS SEEMINGLY DEFEATED, OSBORN'S DEPUTY VICTORIA HAND...SURRENDERS.

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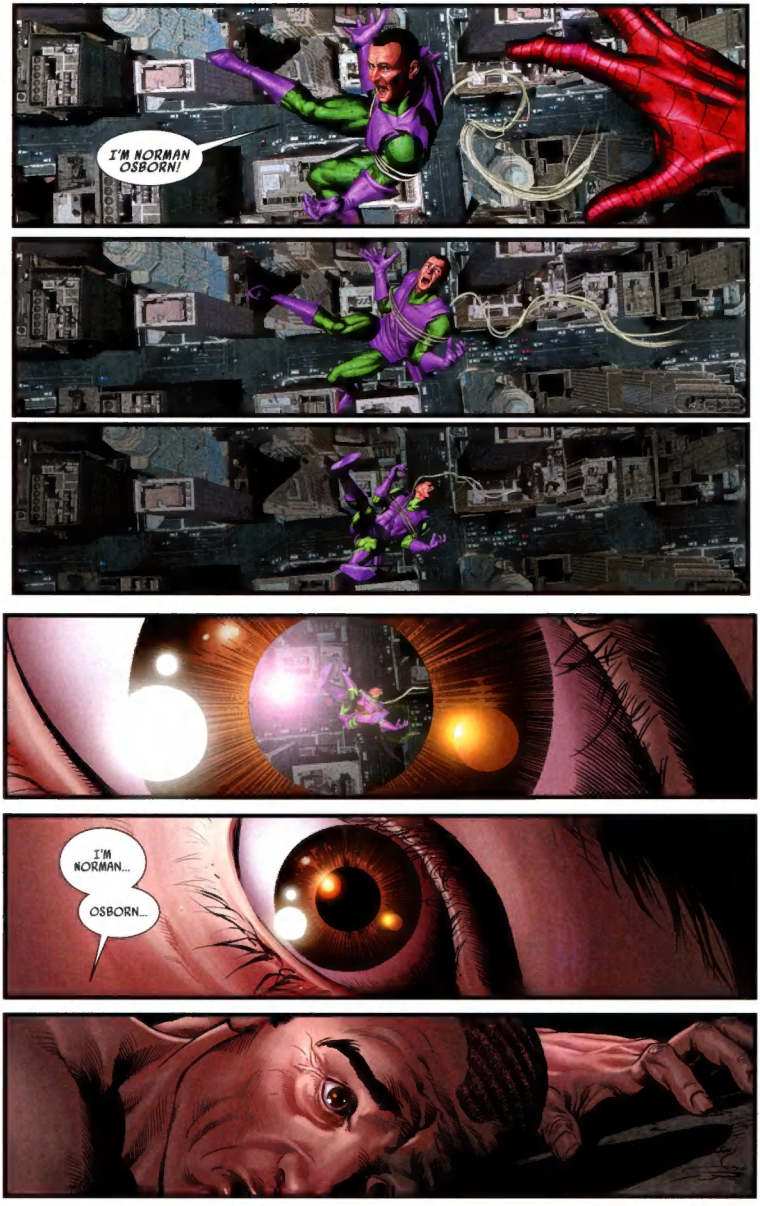
NO! NO!
I'M NORMAN OSBORN!
NORMAN OSBORN!
STOP! I DEMAND IT!
STOP!


I'M NORMAN OSBORN!
I'M NORMAN...
OSBORN...

DINOSAUR, COLORADO.
I'M SORRY?

I SAID: MY NAME IS VICTORIA HAND.
MISTER REESE, ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA...WE SURRENDER.

YOU SURRENDER.
TO ME.

YES. NO ONE IS GOING TO FIGHT YOU. NO ONE WANTS TO FIGHT YOU.
YOU'RE OWEN REESE, RIGHT?

YES.

WELL, YOU'RE THE MOLECULE MAN.
WE HAVE NO WAY TO FIGHT A MAN WHO CAN CONTROL THE MOLECULES AROUND HIM.
WE CAN'T DO IT.
YOU JUST TOOK DOWN THE AVENGERS. AND YOU DID IT PRETTY QUICKLY.
THAT WAS IT. THAT WAS ALL WE HAD.
SO, YEAH, WE SURRENDER.

SHE MAKES SENSE.
SHE'S LYING. ELIMINATE HER NOW BEFORE SHE CAN HATCH HER PLAN.
WH-WHO ARE OUR FRIENDS?
WHAT PLAN? SHE HAS NO PLAN!
TAKE THE WORLD. NOW!
IT'S YOURS TO HAVE.
I DON'T WANT THE WORLD. I WANT HERE.
THEY'RE MY FRIENDS.
IF YOU'D-- MAYBE IF YOU TOLD ME WHAT IT IS YOU'RE LOOKING FOR, WHAT IT IS YOU WANT...
WE'LL BE HAPPY TO ARRANGE IT FOR YOU IN A PEACEFUL ACCORD.
I WANT TO BE LEFT ALONE.
HERE.
OKAY.
BUT, UH, WHY HERE?
I WAS BORN HERE. THIS IS MY HOME.
I WANT IT.
KILL HER!!
YOU CAN HAVE IT.
AGH!
IF YOU LET THE AVENGERS GO, GIVE THEM BACK IN THE SHAPE THEY CAME HERE IN.
AND ALL THE OTHERS.
WHAT OTHERS?
THE CIVILIANS.
THE PEOPLE THAT HAVE COME THROUGH HERE.
44 PEOPLE ARE MISSING.
NOT INCLUDING THE PEOPLE WHO LIVED HERE.
P-PLEASE STOP.
PEOPLE DID LIVE HERE, I ASSUME.
I AM UNARMED.
44 PEOPLE.

WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS.
GIVE THEM BACK. AS A GESTURE.
ARE THEY--ARE THEY DEAD?
DO THE RIGHT THING AND WE'LL DO THE RIGHT THING BY YOU.
I SWEAR, OWEN.
I DON'T THINK THAT'S TRUE.
I THINK YOU'RE GOING TO TRY TO DESTROY ME.
I'M NOT.
THAT'S ALWAYS WHAT HAPPENS.
AND--AND HAS ANYONE EVER BEEN ABLE TO?
NO.
WELL THEN--THEN LESSON LEARNED BY ALL PARTIES.
BUT IF YOU DON'T PUT EVERYTHING BACK--IF YOU DON'T MAKE IT RIGHT--
THEY WILL--THEY WILL NUKE THIS COUNTRYSIDE OR WORSE.
I WON'T BE ABLE TO STOP IT.
AND--AND MAYBE YOU'LL SURVIVE, AND MAYBE YOU WON'T.
BUT THIS LAND WILL BE GONE. OR DAMAGED.
THE FIGHT WILL CONTINUE. AND NEITHER I NOR NORMAN OSBORN NOR ANYONE WILL BE ABLE TO STOP IT.
SO ACCEPT MY SURRENDER...AND--AND WE CAN WORK THIS OUT QUICKLY.
SHE MAKES SENSE.
SHE'S LYING.
SKIN HER.

BONUS
POSS
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AGH!

AS PROMISED.
GUH!!
GAASAUUGGH!!!
WH-WHAT'S WRONG WITH HIM?!?!
WHAT DID YOU DO?!!
I TOLD YOU... I REARRANGED A COUPLE OF THE MOLECULES IN HIS BRAIN.
WHAT?!?!
JUST A COUPLE.
THAT'S ALL IT TAKES, (REALLY.)
PUT THEM BACK.
I DID.
WHETHER HE HAS THE CAPACITY TO PULL HIMSELF TOGETHER IS HIS CONCERN.
I CAN'T BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR EVERYTHING.
I TOLD YOU!
NO OSBORN--NO DEAL!
AND I TOLD YOU, I AGREE.
YOU PEOPLE ATTACKED US. NOT THEMMRR.
WHAT ARE YOU--

I HAVE THIS.

NORMAN?
NORMAN, PLEASE WAKE UP!
PLEASE. DON'T MAKE ME TOUCH YOUR NAKEDNESS.
YOU'RE IN MY WORLD, SENTRY!

OH, MY GOD! I DO NOT WANT TO DIE LIKE THIS AT ALL.
NORMAN, SHAKE IT OFF AND TAKE THE LEAD.
HELICARRIER, THIS IS HAND. CHANGE OF PLANS!!
RETREAT!
I REPEAT: THIS IS VICTORIA HAND CALLING FOR A FULL RETREAT!
THEY CAN'T HEAR ME.

SPASH
YOU LIARS!
SPAASH
RRR-- YOU CAN'T--
I TRIED TO STALL THE GUY WITH A FAKE SURRENDER AND NOW IT'S ALL--
TELL THEM-- TELL THEM TO STAND DOWN.
OH, THANK GOD YOU'RE YOU AGAIN.
TELL THEM TO RUN.
I--I DID. THEY CAN'T HEAR US.
WE ONLY HAVE ONE SHOT.

LISTEN TO ME, OWEN...
IF YOU SHOW ME HOW TO PUT EVERYTHING BACK THE WAY IT WAS... I WILL SPARE YOUR LIFE.
YOU HAVE THE EXPERIENCE WITH THIS THAT I DO NOT.
HOW ARE YOU DOING THIS TO ME?!?!
I CONTROL THE MOLECULES!
I DO!
PUT EVERYTHING BACK.
I-IT'S DONE.
ALL OF IT.
ARE YOU SURE?
ALL OF IT.
I SWEAR.
NURURAAGGH!!
THEN GO AWAY.

THIS IS HAND.
THIS IS HELICARRIER COMMAND. WHAT DO WE--?
STAND DOWN. OSBORN'S ORDER.
ROBERT?
I LEARNED SOMETHING ABOUT MYSELF TODAY.
WHAT'S THAT, ROBERT?
I CAN CONTROL THE MOLECULES OF MY WORLD.
THAT'S HOW I DO WHAT I DO.
I NEVER KNEW THAT. HOW COULD I?
NO ONE COULD. NOT REED RICHARDS. NOT TONY STARK.
ALL THEY KNEW WAS I WAS DIFFERENT.
WE'RE ALL DIFFERENT, BOB.
WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON? ONE MINUTE WE'RE--
SHH!!
BUT--
HAWKEYE, SHUT IT!!
WE'RE ALL DIFFERENT.
NOW I CAN SEE HOW AND WHY.
NOW I CAN CONTROL IT.

DON'T LET THEM SEE YOU...
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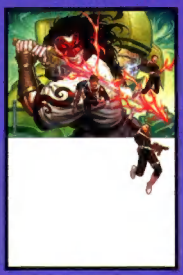

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